(b) whether the National Centre for Software Technology, Bombay is competent to carry out the tests for Computer Hardware viz. Floppy Disc Drives etc, if so, the number of such tests carried out so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. National Centre for Software Technology (NCST), Bombay has the necessary facilities for the field testing of the integration of the computer hardware including peripherals. NCST has so far carried out six tests of PC subsystems/peripherals including floppy disc drives being used in the ET&T computers.

Non-filling up of vacancies of PGTs in Kendriya Vidyalayas of North East Region

1784. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts of PGTs have remained unfilled in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the North East Region during the current academic session; and

(b) if so, the details thereof as on 1-7-89 and 1-3-90 Vidyalaya—wise and subject—wise; and the reasons therefor; the loss of studies suffered by the students on this count?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the details of the vacant posts as on 1-7-89 and 1-3-90 Vidyalaya-wise and subject-wise is at Annexure. [See Appendix CLIII Annexure No. 75] Keeping in view that the study of the children may not suffer, the following instructions were issued to Assistant Commissioners in the beginning of the session itself;

(i) Adhoc teachers may be appointed against vacant posts as per Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan rules till such time the regular teachers were posted.

(ii) At stations where adhoc teachers were not readily available, a system of sharing teachers between the schools located at one station may be tried.

(iii) At single Kendriya Vidyalaya stations, teachers may be deputed from other Kendriya Vidyalayas for temporary period, in case adhoc teachers were not available.

Inclusion of more elective subjects for students of K.V.S. at plus two stage

1785. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of elective subjects a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya can offer at plus two stage is meagre as compared to the subjects available to students of non-Kendriya Vidyalaya in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and justification therefor;

(c) whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has asked for inclusion of more elective subject: and

(d) if so, what is Sangathan's reaction thereto?

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IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (d) It is true that the number of elective subjects a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya can offer at plus two stage is lesser than those available to non-Kendriya Vidyalaya students in the Union Territory of Delhi. The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has asked for introduction of more elective subjects such as Physical Education, Music, Drawing and Civics at plus 2 stage in the Kendriya Vidyalayas. The suggestion has not been found feasible by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan because of constraint of resources.

Transfer of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Teachers in violation of guidelines

1786. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 77 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the details regarding compassionate grounds and compelling administrative exigencies in each case, which promopted the then Chairman Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to order the said 181 transfer of teachers; and

(b) what are the details of the written objection raised by the Vice-Chairman Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas had been approaching the then Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and representing to him on their difficulties and pleading for transfers. Keeping such representations in view, the Chairman directed the transfer of 181 teachers on extreme compassionate grounds and compelling administrative exigencies. No details relating to these circumstances are available on record.

(b) Before Chairman, KVS gave his final direction for these transfers, full implications of the proposal were presented to him. The implications presented were the following:—

(i) The requests for transfers made to the Chairman were not invariably in the form prescribed by the KVS. Accepting such requests, and permitting transfers on that basis, would imply acceptance of applications not presented in prescribed form.

(ii) If these transfers were to be carried out and if they were not treated as "request transfers", the KVS would have to bear the transfer TA expenses in respect of the concerned employees. This would be undeserved.

(iii) Normally all cases of transfers are examined on merits with reference to norms prescribed by the KVS itself and appropriate orders issued. To the extent of orders given by the Chairman himself for transfers, the relevant applications were not capable of examination on merits by the KVS itself.

(iv) A representation to Prime Minister that had been received, expressing grievances in regard to these transfers, was pending and would need to be kept in view.

Extensions to senior army/Naval Officers

1787. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given a number of extensions to senior Army and Naval officers recently;